(d) if not the reasons for non filling up of the backlog vacancy of SCs/ STs and by when it is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) During the last five years, *i.e.* 1998-99 to 2002-2003, 54 Chemical Assistants, Grade-II were promoted to the grade of Chemical Assistant Grade-I, 21 Chemical Assistant Grade I were promoted to the grade of Assistant Chemical Examiner and 4 Assistant Chemical Examiners were promoted to the grade of Chemical Examiner Grade-II. In addition, 27 Assistant Chemical Examiners were promoted, on *ad-hoc* basis, to the grade of Chemical Examiner Grade-II.

(b) to (d) Out of the 54 Chemical Assistant Grade-II who were promoted to Chemical Assistant Grade-I, 13 Officers belonged to the SC category. Vacancies for ST category could not be filled because of non-availability of eligible candidate in the feeder cadre. Similarly, in the absence of eligible candidates in the feeder cadre, no Chemical Assistant Grade-I could be promoted to the Grade of Assistant Chemical Examiner. Like-wise one post reserved for SC category in the grade of Chemical Examiner Grade-II could not be filled up on regular basis because of non-availability of eligible officer in the feeder grade. These vacancies are being carried forward to the subsequent year for promoting available eligible officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Generous sops to cricketers

4683. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Budget 2003 proposals bestow generous sops to our cricketers;

(b) if so, whether cricketers already earn millions by way of prize money, match fees, advertising/endorsement payments etc.; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider withdrawing the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Funds transferred to NLCPR

4684. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund liable for transfer to the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources as per Government's policy decisions from the unspent amount out